

A close-up photograph of a dense field of small, purple, daisy-like flowers with bright yellow centers. The flowers are interspersed with green, succulent-like foliage and reddish-brown stems. The overall appearance is that of a healthy, flowering ground cover.

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# LOVE .....

by David DeLong

The Love which is expressly from God is called "charity" in the King James Version of the Bible. It is based upon the Greek word *agape* or *agapao* and is the type of love that gives without demanding things in return. First Corinthians chapter 13, verses 4-8 declares this type of love which every believer is expected by the Lord to possess. It is a byproduct of the fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). The verses in I Corinthians 13 read: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

Let us look at these qualities of charity (God's love).

**Charity suffereth long:** God's love is very patient. It is not quick to get upset with us. Think of how long the Lord put up with backsliding Israel.

**and is kind:** Jesus displayed tremendous kindness to all people, even those who were plotting to kill Him. Are we kind to those around us? It is God's will that we are also kind to everyone.

**charity envieth not:** It doesn't matter what other people have or what they are doing. We must always be content with what God has given to us, even if things appear to be unfair. The material things of this life are going to pass away someday, anyway.

**charity vaunteth not itself:** God's love will never boast. It will always remain humble, knowing that the Lord is responsible for everything good in our lives.

**is not puffed up:** We must always strive to put others ahead of ourselves. We must remember that we are not the center of the universe, God is.

**Doth not behave itself unseemly:** Some people, even in the Church, do outrageous things for attention. They

try to draw attention to themselves rather than for the Lord. May we only resolve to bring attention and glory to the Lord!

**seeketh not her own:** We all, at times, have a tendency to be rather selfish. The essence of our walk with the Lord is to never be selfish, but to live our lives as a sacrifice for Jesus.

**is not easily provoked:** Jesus taught us that when we are struck on one of our cheeks to offer the other also. When a person does this, he or she is not easily provoked. Let us strive, with God's help, to never "fly off the handle" when someone irritates or hurts us.

**thinketh no evil:** This provision covers a lot of territory, from not having lustful thoughts to not planning revenge against someone who has abused us.

**Rejoiceth not in iniquity:** Do we enjoy seeing things on television that we should not be watching? Do we like to see someone getting their just desserts because they have been living wickedly? We must not rejoice in these things.

**but rejoiceth in the truth:** We must delight ourselves in reading God's Word and learning the truths therein.

**Beareth all things:** This is one of the hardest things to do. It is only with the Lord's help that we can do it. When we are slandered for the Lord's sake; when people talk about us behind our backs; when we are accused wrongly we must rely upon the Lord for strength.

**believeth all things:** This is not an injunction to be naive. But we must believe all things good about a person until proven wrong.

**hopeth all things:** We do this because our hope is in Jesus.

**endureth all things:** Jesus taught us that if we endure unto the end we will be saved.

**Charity never faileth:** This is so because the Lord never faileth. Hebrews 13:8 says: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."



# THE PRODIGAL SON

*by Julian Gonzalez*

Today, we're diving into a story many of us know well—the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15.

This is one of the most well-known parables, and it's often looked at from the perspective of the son. We see the journey of a young man who goes astray and finds himself in a place of brokenness, only to be welcomed back home by his loving father.

But today, I want us to shift our focus a bit. Instead of just looking at the son's journey, let's look at this story from the perspective of the father—a father who represents God, Himself, and shows us what real love looks like. As we walk through this story, we'll see how the father's response to his son's return shows us God's love, even when we don't fully return that love to Him. So, let's open our hearts and minds to see this familiar story in a new way, understanding more deeply how God loves each of us, no matter how far we may have wandered.

1. **The Son's Decision to Leave:** Our story begins with a son who has grown restless and wants to break free from his father's home. In Luke 15:12, it says, "And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living."

In asking for his inheritance early, this son is essentially saying, "I want what's mine now." In that culture, this was a deeply disrespectful request—it was like saying, "I wish you were dead." But notice that the father doesn't argue. He gives his son the freedom to choose. How often do we find ourselves wanting to live life our own way, without God's guidance? Like this son, we may drift away, thinking we'll find satisfaction in things outside our Father's care. God, too, gives us freedom to choose our own path, even when it means walking away from Him.

2. **Life Away from the Father:** At first, the son's new life seems exciting. He spends his money freely, chasing after pleasure and indulgence. But soon, he finds himself in a much different situation.

In Luke 15:14-16, we read, "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

The son, who once lived in abundance, is now feeding pigs, longing to eat what they have. This is a picture of what happens when we leave God behind. We may think we're on the path to happiness, but we soon find ourselves spiritually empty, searching for something to fill that hunger in our hearts.

Many of us have been there—pursuing things we thought would make us happy, only to end up feeling lost. It's in those low moments that we begin to realize our need for God.

3. **The Son's Realization and Return:** Finally, the son reaches a point of clarity. He realizes that even his father's servants have more than he does now. So, he decides to return home, not as a son but as a servant.

In Luke 15:17-19, it says, "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

This son recognizes his mistakes; he doesn't make excuses. He is humble, ready to take whatever place his father will give him.

In our own lives, God calls us to this same humility. When we turn back to Him, we need to come with open hearts, acknowledging our need for Him, trusting that He will welcome us home.

4. The Father's Response: Now, here is the beautiful part of the story—the father's response.

In Luke 15:20, it says, "And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." Notice that the father sees him "a great way off". He was watching and waiting, longing for his son's return. And when he sees him, he doesn't wait for the son to reach him. He runs to meet him, filled with compassion. This is how God loves us. He doesn't just wait for us to come all the way back; He meets us where we are.

5. The Significance of the Father's Actions: When the son reaches his father, he begins his prepared speech. But before he can finish, the father interrupts him with love and acceptance.

Luke 15:22-24 says, "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry."

Each gift has a meaning:

- The Robe: This was likely a fine, elegant robe, representing the father's honor. It was his way of restoring his son's dignity, showing he was still part of the family. When we return to God, He clothes us in His righteousness, restoring us to fellowship with Him.

- The Ring: The ring was a symbol of authority and belonging. It's as if the father was saying, "You are my child, and you have a place here." God gives us a new identity as His children when we come to Him.

- The Shoes: In that time, servants often went barefoot. By giving him shoes, the father is saying, "You are not my servant; you are my son." God welcomes us as sons and daughters, not as mere servants.

- The Fatted Calf: The father orders a great celebration. This wasn't just any meal; the fatted calf was reserved for the most joyous occasions. God rejoices when we come home to Him. Heaven itself celebrates over each sinner who repents.

**Conclusion:** This story reminds us that no matter how far we may have wandered, God's love is waiting for us. He sees us from a distance, and His heart is filled with compassion. He runs to meet us, to clothe us, to celebrate our return. His love is constant and unwavering, even when we fall short, even when we don't fully return His love. So, let's take this story to heart. If we are far from God today, He is calling us back. And if we know someone who is lost, let's be the ones who love them, welcome them, and point them back to the One who loves them unconditionally.



**By David Royer** - This well-known parable of the PRODIGAL SON was told by Jesus Christ and recorded in Luke 15:11-32. He shared this story and other parables with his disciples, Pharisees, publicans, and sinners who had gathered around to illustrate the nature of God's forgiveness and the happiness in one's repentance and reconciliation. Here is a short version of this parable: A wealthy father has two sons. The older son stays with his family and works the fields, while the younger son demands his inheritance and leaves home. He squanders his wealth and becomes destitute. He returns to his father, acknowledging his mistakes and asking to be treated as a hired servant. The father, moved by compassion, welcomes his son back and restores him to his rightful place as a son, giving him new clothes, a ring, and a feast.

His younger brother's return is a catalyst that stirs up jealousy and resentment rather than joy in the older brother. Although this son is dutiful and responsible, he obeys out of obligation and a sense of duty rather than love. This obedient son expects to be rewarded as a "worthy son" and struggles to understand his father's generosity toward those he deems undeserving.

The older brother, showing a sense of entitlement, boasts about his work and complains to his father: "And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf." (Luke 15:29-30)

This parable creates a metaphor for God's relationship with humanity, highlighting His mercy, forgiveness, and love. The young rebel son rejected God's blessings and opportunities and is lost, only to return to Him in repentance and humility. The father's forgiveness and love toward both sons represents God, while the elder son's character flaws reflect the current attitude of the scribes and Pharisees.

You see, the Pharisees of Jesus' day trusted their own righteousness and works-based justification. Rather than experiencing salvation through God's grace through their faith, they viewed themselves as "worthy sons" as well. As a general rule, the Pharisees were self-righteous and smug in their delusion that they were pleasing to God because they kept the "Letter of Law" - or parts of it.

This parable is titled THE PRODIGAL SON, but it might have been called THE JEALOUS, NO MERCY SON if the emphasis was on the older brother. We should be mindful of our attitude and humbly reach out to God for His help and grace.

We cannot call upon God's grace unless we admit we are unworthy. Acknowledging our unworthiness allows God's grace to flow into our lives, leading to a more profound sense of intimacy, forgiveness, and empowerment. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.



## The Food Corner

### Pickled Red Beet Eggs

These are delicious! The white of the eggs turn red, becoming more red the longer they are kept in the juices.

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup red beet juices, reserved from canned beets
- 12 hard cooked eggs, peeled
- 1-14 to 16 ounces can sliced red beets, drained and liquid reserved

Mix together sugar, salt, vinegar and juice until sugar is dissolved. Place eggs, red beets in large container. Pour liquid over eggs. Refrigerate overnight. To serve, cut eggs in halves, quarters or slices. Makes 1 dozen.

Note: The pickled eggs will keep in the refrigerator for at least 2 weeks. Use the leftover dressing and red beets for another batch of eggs, adding more vinegar as needed. Recipe can be halved or doubled. Freshly cooked red beets and their cooking liquid can be substituted for canned red beets.

Eggs mentioned in the Bible: "Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?" (Job 6:6). And in Luke 11:12; "Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

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God gives us the ingredients  
for our daily bread, but he  
expects us to do the baking!

*by David Royer*

When going to a paint store or paint department, I am fascinated by how paint colors can be mixed to an exact match of my paint chip or sample card. The computer formula provides the precise scientific mixture, creating a physical change to basic colors in nature. Note: All colors can occur in nature; however, humans don't see it that way. We see colors as combinations of 3 primary colors, specifically red, yellow, and blue. Below is a basic color-mixing guide for achieving the secondary colors:

*Red + Blue = Purple*  
*Yellow + Red = Orange*  
*Blue + Yellow = Green*

You can create a massive range of shades and tones when mixing colors in this category. Specific shades can be adjusted depending on how much of each color you add and which ones of primary colors you use.

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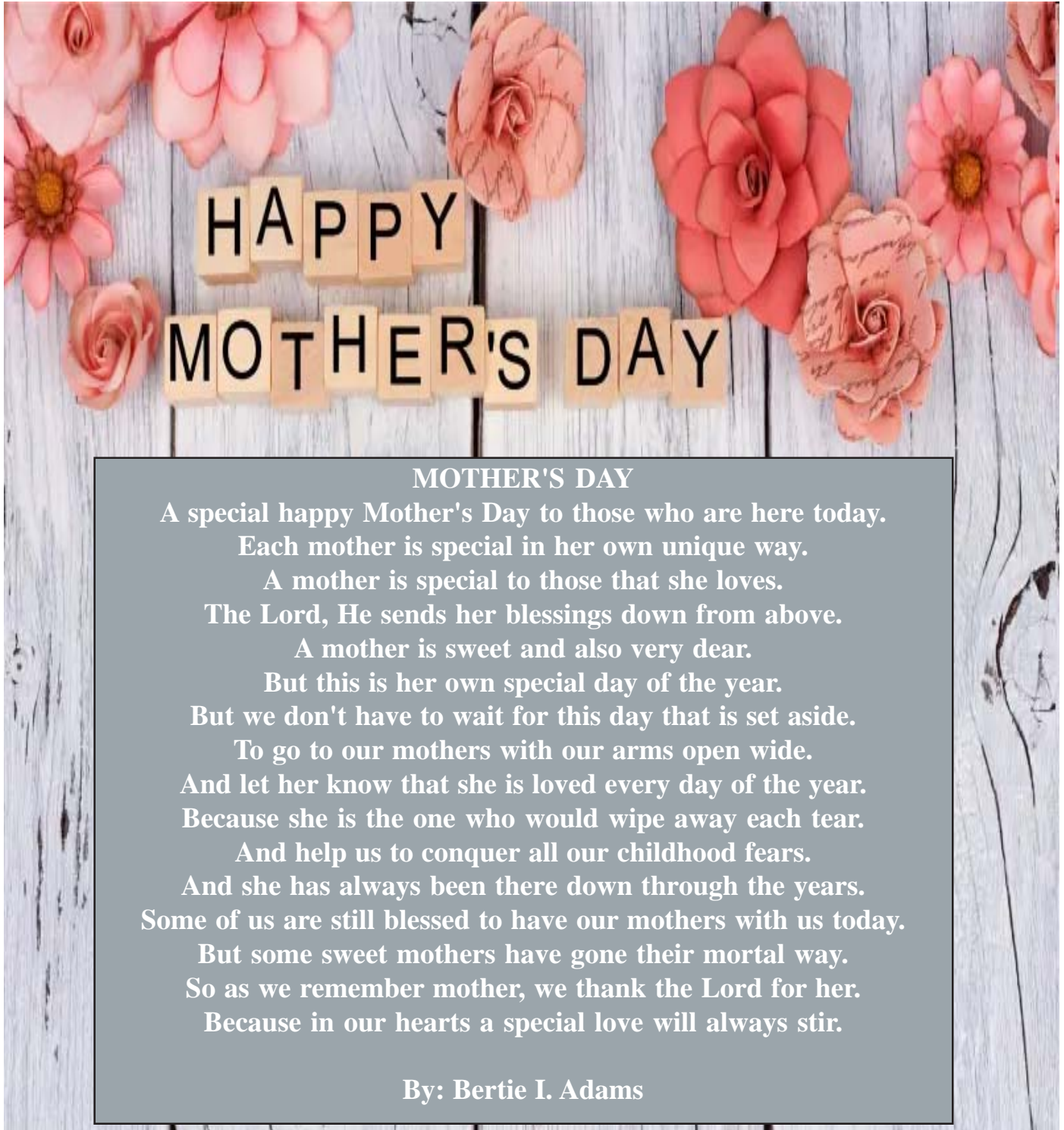
When we combine God with our human frailty and daily activities, exciting gifts are the results. Consider the following mixing guide:

1. When you include God in your work - you will get the best result (Colossians 3:23 & I Corinthians 3:8,14).
2. When God is mixed with our finances - He creates a healthy view of money and how to use it (Proverbs 11:26-28; 13:11; 14:23 & Ecclesiastes 5:9-13).
3. When God is mixed with our relationships - He creates a stronger & fulfilling bond (Ephesians 4:2-3).
4. When you include God in difficult decisions - you find direction (Proverbs 3:5-6).
5. When you mix God with uncertainty - He creates certainty (Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Hebrews 13:8 & II Samuel 7:28).
6. When you mix God with career guidance - you will have success (Proverbs 16:9; 16, 20 & Ephesians 4:1).
7. When you mix God with anxiety/depression - you discover relief (Matthew 6:30-34 & Isaiah 41:9-10).
8. When God is mixed with our sin - He creates a path to forgiveness (Romans 4:7-8 & 24-25).

9. Add God to any fear - you obtain courage & removal of fear (Psalm 27:3; 56:3-4 & Hebrews 13:6).

Meaningful and lasting change will be accomplished by combining will power and determination with an all-powerful God.

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#### MOTHER'S DAY

A special happy Mother's Day to those who are here today.

Each mother is special in her own unique way.

A mother is special to those that she loves.

The Lord, He sends her blessings down from above.

A mother is sweet and also very dear.

But this is her own special day of the year.

But we don't have to wait for this day that is set aside.

To go to our mothers with our arms open wide.

And let her know that she is loved every day of the year.

Because she is the one who would wipe away each tear.

And help us to conquer all our childhood fears.

And she has always been there down through the years.

Some of us are still blessed to have our mothers with us today.

But some sweet mothers have gone their mortal way.

So as we remember mother, we thank the Lord for her.

Because in our hearts a special love will always stir.

By: Bertie I. Adams



# *Things We Are Cautioned About In The Bible*

*by Gary Mills*

We know the Bible is full of thoughts on how we should behave and live our lives. It also has advice on things we should be cautious of. I thought I would write on five things that the Bible advises us to beware of and how it says to combat them.

The first is to be careful that you do not become so busy with life that you forget about the Lord. It is so easy to become distracted by things that are happening in the world that we begin to forget about keeping the Lord's commandments. Moses told this to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 6: 12-19. "Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers. To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken." Moses was telling the children of Israel to not get distracted by the things going on around them and stay true to the Lord. Thus they will get the things that are promised to them.

The second thing we are cautioned about is to beware of being hypocritical. The word hypocrite means a person who puts on a false appearance or acts differently than what they say. People can sometimes hold others to a higher standard than they exhibit themselves. Jesus ran

into this when dealing with the religious leaders in Israel as shown in Luke 11: 53,54. "And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him." How Jesus dealt with them is shown in the following chapter. Luke 12: 1-3: "In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." Jesus was telling his disciples to be honest when dealing with others because the truth will bear out in the end.

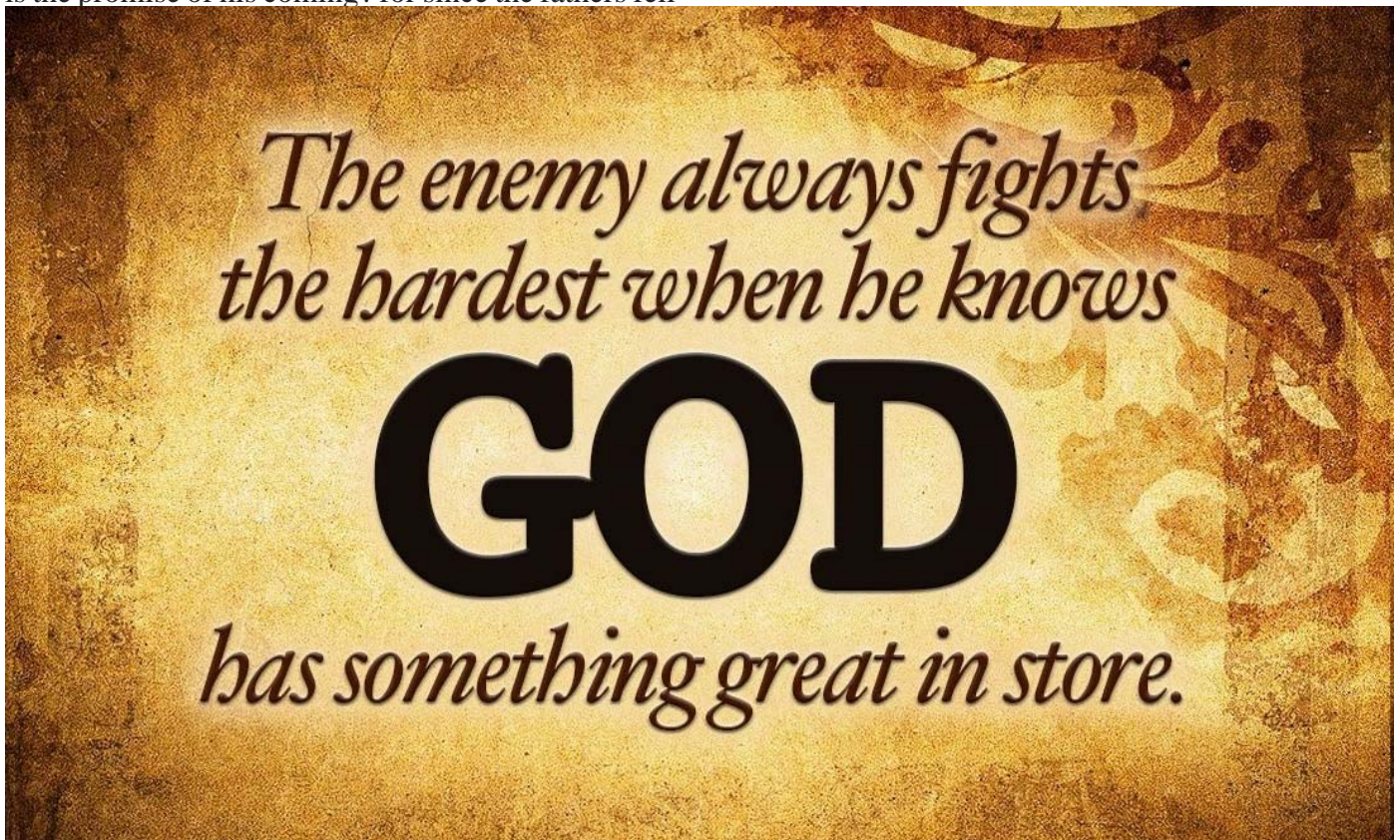
A third warning mentioned in the Bible is to beware of being covetous. Jesus spoke on this in Luke 12: 15-21: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Jesus was saying to not

worry about obtaining more and more material things in this world at the expense of spiritual things of God. A fourth warning is to beware of being flattered and led away from God with vain words. The Apostle Paul spoke on this in Col 2: 4-8: "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Again the warning is to beware flattery by the things of this world and trust in God and the example of Jesus Christ. A last warning is to beware of being led away from God by the teachings of the world. This can be found in II Peter 3: 2-4: "... be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell

asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." People of the world are always telling us how smart they are and that they know more than the Holy Scriptures. They make fun of God's children. The best advice is to ignore them.

The Bible tells us how to resist the things we are told to beware of. II Peter 3: 17, 18: "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." II Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Finally King Solomon summarizes perfectly what we are to do. Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

The Bible tells us to do Gods will we are to study the Scriptures and strive to keep God's commandments. If we do this we can resist all of the noise and enticements of the material world and do what God expects of us, thus allowing us to have the reward of eternal life.





**ANIMAL MOTHERS**

Almost everyone lives in some kind of family. At the zoo and in the wild, animals sometimes live in families too. But we don't call mother animals, "Mom", or father animals "Dad." Animal babies aren't called "children" either, they are "offspring". Animal mothers and fathers and babies have special names by which they are called. See which mother's names you can match up with the correct animal by placing the correct letter in the blank beside each animal. Some of the words in the mother's list may be used more than one time.

**Bible Books**

1. What book of the Bible has only three letters?

2. Fill in the first and last letters of these four letter Bible books.

- UT-
- ZR-
- OE-
- AR-
- UK-
- OH-
- UD-
- CT-
- MO-

**ANIMAL**

1. deer \_\_\_\_\_
2. elephant \_\_\_\_\_
3. fox \_\_\_\_\_
4. goat \_\_\_\_\_
5. hog \_\_\_\_\_
6. horse \_\_\_\_\_
7. kangaroo \_\_\_\_\_
8. lion \_\_\_\_\_
9. ostrich \_\_\_\_\_
10. sheep \_\_\_\_\_
11. swan \_\_\_\_\_
12. zebra \_\_\_\_\_
13. goose \_\_\_\_\_
14. bear \_\_\_\_\_
15. chicken \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER**

- a. sow
- b. ewe
- c. doe
- d. roe
- e. goose
- f. hen
- g. nanny
- h. sow
- i. pen
- j. mare
- k. vixen
- l. lioness

3. Fill in the first and last letter of these five letter Bible books.

- AHU-
- ING-
- OSE-
- ONA-
- ICA-
- ITU-
- ETE-
- AME-

**LESSON I**

**THE CALL OF ABRAM**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:31-32; 12:1-9.

Golden Text: Genesis 12:2.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."

1. Who was the father of Abram? What were Abram's brothers' names? Genesis 11:27.
2. Where did Terah move with his family? Genesis 11:31.

**NOTE:** These men will be talked about and named in future lessons as we study about Abram.

3. What did the Lord tell Abram to do? Genesis 12:1.
4. What reward would he have if he obeyed? Genesis 12:2.
5. What was to happen to those who were against him? Genesis 12:3.
6. Who did Abram take with him? Genesis 12:5.
7. Where was the place that Abram went? Genesis 12:6.
8. What did the Lord say to Abram, and what did Abram do while he was there? Genesis 12:7.

**LESSON II**

**ABRAM IN EGYPT**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:10-20.

Golden text: Genesis 12:17.

'And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.'

1. Where did Abram go because of the famine? Genesis 12:10.

2. Who did he tell Sarai to say she was when they got to Egypt? Genesis 12:13.
3. Why did he want her to say that she was his sister? Genesis 12:11-12.
4. What did they do with Sarai when she got to Egypt? Genesis 12:14-15.
5. What did God do to Pharaoh and his house? Genesis 12:17.
6. When Pharaoh found out that Sarai was Abram's wife, what did he say? Genesis 12:18-19.
7. What did Pharaoh do to them? Genesis 12:20.

**LESSON III**

**ABRAM AND LOT DEPART**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13:1-12.

Golden Text: Genesis 13:2.

"And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold."

1. When Abram left Egypt, where did he go? Genesis 13:1-2.
2. Who went with Abram, and what did he have? Genesis 13:5.

**NOTE:** We had learned from lesson I that Lot was Abram's nephew.

3. Why did Abram know that they could not live together any longer? Genesis 13:6-7.
4. What plan did Abram tell Lot would help them? Genesis 13:8-9.
5. What part did Lot choose and why? Genesis 13:10-11.

- 6. Where did Abram dwell? Genesis 13:12.
- 7. After Lot had gone, what did God tell Abram? Genesis 13:14-16.
- 8. What was wrong with the city of Sodom where Lot would dwell? Genesis 13:13.

**LESSON IV**

**ABRAM AND MELCHIZEDEK**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:13-24.

Golden Text: Hebrews 7:17.

"For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

- 1. Some heathen kings went against the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. What happened to Lot who was living near Sodom? Genesis 14:11-12.
- 2. What did Abram do when he heard that Lot had been captured? Genesis 14:14-16.
- 3. After Abram won the battle and came back with Lot, to whom did he give credit for winning the battle? Genesis 14:21-23.
- 4. Who was Melchizedek? Genesis 14:18; Hebrews 7:1.
- 5. What did Melchizedek do to Abram? Genesis 14:19.
- 6. What did Abram give to king Melchizedek, the high priest? Genesis 14:20; Hebrews 7:2.

NOTE: There are two priesthoods mentioned in the Bible. The priesthood of Melchizedek and of Levi. Today we are living in the priesthood for Melchizedek. Jesus is also a priest of this order, and we are part of his priesthood too. The Levitical priesthood began with children of Israel coming out of Egypt and lasted until Christ died.

- 7. Of whom is it testified that He will be a priest for ever

after the order of Melchizedek? Hebrews 7:17.

- 8. Where is Jesus performing his duty as a priest today? Hebrews 8:1-2.

**HOW MOTHER'S DAY STARTED**

Mother's Day is held the second Sunday in May.

Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, is given credit for starting Mother's Day. Her mother's name was Anna Reeves Jarvis.

Ms. Jarvis spent a lot of time and money traveling around the country making speeches about Mother's Day.

She also asked people to write letters to their moms even if they lived in the same town.

In 1914, President Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a special day.

Answers to animal mothers on page fifteen.

- 1.c, 2.h, 3.k, 4.g, 5.a, 6.j, 7.c, 8.l, 9.f, 10.b, 11.i, 12.j, 13.e, 14.a, 15.f





*Teaching  
Animal Babies*

*by Audrey O'Connor*

Instinct is a word often heard when people speak of sometimes unbelievable things animals do. It is supposed to be a knowledge which all animals have at birth, which tells them that certain things must be done, and certain other things must not be done. Too many times

we just say, "That is instinctive," when an animal's actions seem to show more cleverness than we feel he should have. If we were to watch animals with their babies someday, we might change our minds about so many things being "instinctive."

It is easy to think that birds fly just by instinct, but still, nearly everyone has seen mother birds coaxing their fluffy little babies to try their wings. Once in a while a young bird will be afraid to throw himself out into the air. Some eagles have been known to knock a few sticks out of their nests in order to make the timid baby fly. Other species of birds climb on the edge of their nest with food for the youngsters and persuade them to climb up to secure it. Then it may even hold the food far enough away that little one will have to jump to get it.

Many birds are taught to swim and dive, as well as to fly. These birds' mothers are very patient, and also very clever about showing their broods how to go about managing themselves in the water. Some ducks will hold the ducklings between their beaks and necks, then dive with them. Other swimming birds are in the habit of letting the little ones get all settled on the mother's back, then sliding quickly down under the water. After a few such performances, the young birds find they do not need any help, and do as much swimming and diving as they like, all by

themselves.

The thought of a young hippopotamus learning to swim gives us a really laughable picture. But quite often the baby is not the least bit in favor of trying, and mother hippo must spend much time showing him how he can get around in the water.

Almost all animals teach their babies going through the acts that they with their young ones try. Since the parents cannot tell their offspring what to do, they must show them. Most of the time the little ones will follow their mother closely, imitating everything she does, or at least, making an attempt at it. But the times when baby is just a tiny bit afraid to go ahead are the times when we can see that he does not do everything "by instinct."

Right in our own houses, we can watch mother cats and dogs teaching their kittens and pups. At first, it may not look like teaching when a mother cat rolls around and pushes her kitten with her paws. But she was taught in this way by her mother, and she is teaching her baby. For cats have not forgotten how to hunt and to protect themselves by fighting as they did when all cats were wild. Trips to the zoo become a great deal more fun when we remember all the things the animal babies must be taught. Watching sea lions plunge and fall grows much more interesting if we stop to think of all the practicing the young ones have to do when they are learning to land on rough shores with the waves pounding at them, and when they are learning to climb after their parents over the sometimes sharp, sometimes slippery rocks.

If there happens to be an opossum in the zoo you visit, you are very lucky indeed. You might possibly have a chance to see one of the most amusing 'lesson hours' in all the animal world. The mother opossum will have all her babies on her back, their funny twist tails wrapped around hers...which sheds stiffly over their heads so that they can hang on tightly. Don't forget that she is teaching them when she carried them this way. Before long they will have learned enough of the art of climbing to take care of themselves. Until then, the mother opossums patiently give them their schooling.

*Let your Mom know how special she is to you!*



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**Sabbath Memory Verses**  
“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).

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“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

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Mother's Day

“Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice” (Psalm 141:2).

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“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all” (I Timothy 4:15).

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“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:8).



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*A mother who always cares,  
A mother who's always there.  
A mother who always prays,  
A mother who always stays.*

*When things get rough,  
When life gets tough,  
When all is just too much to hear,  
God's Word, she shares.  
God's light she shines.  
So blessed God made this mother mine.*